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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON BANK OF AMERICA

FOLLOWING INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED (1700 LOCAL) FROM BANK OF AMERICA ASSISTANT MANAGER MOCK WHO IS RELAYING INFORMATION FROM BANK MANAGER HOLLANDER. LATTER IS OUTSIDE OF BANK AND PERSONALLY ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATION THROUGH GOL IN RESPONSE TO CURRENT DEMANDS OF MEN WHO ATTACKED BANK. MOCK REQUESTS FOLLOWING INFO BE PASSED IMMEDIATELY TO TED C. MASSA, BANK AMERICA, WORLD HEADQUARTERS, SAN FRANCISCO (TEL: 415 622 3456). (AMBASSADOR URGED MOCK ALSO TRY AND MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND CONVEY SAME INFO WHICH HE TRYING TO DO.

1. ABOUT 20 LEBANESE MEN BEING HELD; ATTACKERS ARE REQUESTING FOREIGNERS BE SENT IN FROM OUTSIDE TO USE AS HOSTAGES. OTHER DEMANDS REPORTEDLY BEING PRESENTED BY TERRORISTS ARE LL 10 MILLION (ABOUT \$4 MILLION), FREE PASSAGE TO ALGERIA, AND RELEASE
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OF 2 AUSTRIANS APPREHENDED IN ABORTIVE BANK ROBBERY

HERE THREE WEEKS AGO. NEWSPAPERMEN (AT SCENE) SAY RANSOM MONEY
STIPULATED BY ATTACKERS IS DESTINED TO HELP SYRIAN AND
EGYPTIAN WAR EFFORT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND HOSTAGES LYING LOW IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF
BUILDING WHILE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS. FIRING APPARENTLY
CEASED AN HOUR AGO.

3. SINCE FOREGOING WRITTEN MOCK JUST CALLED AGAIN TO
SAY US HOSTAGES SOUGHT BY ATTACKERS ARE HIMSELF, HOLLANDER, AND
PARSONS. (HOLLANDER IS DUTCH; MOCK AND PARSONS ARE AMERICANS.)

4. MOCK ADVISES THAT HOLLANDER, IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,
WOULD USE HIS OWN BEST JUDGMENT TO DO WHATEVER IS
NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE, INCLUDING
COMMITMENT OF BANK RESOURCES.

5. WE HAVE FIRST REPORT OF POSSIBLE AMCIT AMONG HOSTAGES,
A JOHN MAXWELL, WORKING FOR DOUGLAS, WHO WAS HEADING FOR
BANK THIS MORNING AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.
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